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1. IN ABSENCE OF ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO EMBASSY NOTE, REF B, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO EFFECT ORDERLY TERMINATION OF AID PROGRAM IN LAOS AS DEFINED REF A WITHIN JUNE 30 DEADLINE. WE JUDGE THAT UNLESS FULLY SATISFACTORY RESPONSE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, IT WILL BE TOO LATE FOR USAID RESIDUAL STAFF TO DO MORE THAN SIMPLY ANNOUNCE IT HAS NO FURTHER USE FOR THE REAL PROPERTY AND TO RELINQUISH CONTROL OVER PROJECT-FINANCED COMMODITIES AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION.

2. ON ASSUMPTION SATISFACTORY RESPONSE WILL NOT BE TIMELY RECEIVED, WE PROPOSE THAT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27, EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF LAOS AND HAS THE HONOR TO NOTE THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NOT RESPONDED TO
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EMBASSY NOTE NO. 293 AND THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE

TERMINATION OF THE MISSION OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID), AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO ON MAY 27, 1975, HAVE NOT PROCEEDED IN A MANNER WHICH WILL PERMIT BILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE ATTENDANT PROBLEMS WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT SPECIFIED IN THAT AGREEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO ADVISE THE MINISTRY AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF LAOS PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1951, AND ALL PROJECT AGREEMENTS THEREUNDER, ARE TERMINATED AS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTE.

B. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO FURTHER USE FOR THE REAL PROPERTIES PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE USAID MISSION.

C. POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF COMMODITIES PROCURED UNDER PROJECT AGREEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER THE RELATED PROJECTS ARE HEREBY TURNED OVER TO THE PGNU.

D. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OTHERWISE AGREED BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF USAID AND THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE AGREEMENT OF MAY 27, 1975, DECISIONS AS TO THE DISPOSITION OF USAID PROPERTY NOT PURCHASED WITH PROJECT FUNDS MUST BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE PGNU FOR ITS REMOVAL OR OTHER DISPOSITION. PENDING SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL LOOK TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SECURITY FOR SUCH PROPERTY.

E. ALL PERSONNEL OF THE FORMER USAID MISSION HAVE DEPARTED THE KINGDOM OF LAOS BEFORE JUNE 30 AS PROVIDED BY THE MAY 27, 1975 AGREEMENT, AND ALL QUESTIONS RELEVANT TO USAID WILL HENCEFORTH HAVE TO
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BE TAKEN UP WITH THE EMBASSY.

IF THE PGNU ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPLE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DISPOSITION OF USAID PROPERTY NOT PURCHASED WITH PROJECT FUNDS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD PROPOSE TO DESPATCH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS TO THE KINGDOM OF LAOS TO EXAMINE SUCH PROPERTY WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF ITS REMOVAL

FOR USE BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ELSE-
WHERE, AND NEGOTIATING WITH THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF NATIONAL UNION ON ITS DISPOSITION. END QUOTE

3. THE FOREGOING DOES NOT IMPLY ABANDONMENT OF
USG PROPERTY, BUT RATHER PROPOSES AN ORDERLY SURVEY
AND DECISION AS TO DISPOSITION. ABANDONMENT WOULD
APPEAR TO REWARD THE PGNU FOR ITS FAILURE/REFUSAL
TO REACH OVERALL AGREEMENT WITH US ON DISSOLUTION
OF USAID BY GIVING OUTRIGHT POSSESSION OF ALL USAID
PROPERTY. WHILE IT IS LIKELY THAT DECISION OF SUR-
VEYORS (IF ALLOWED TO COME TO LAOS AND DO THE JOB)
WOULD BE TO LEAVE MUCH IF NOT MOST OF PROPERTY IN
LAOS, THERE IS SOME PROPERTY OF VALUE (E.G., 50 NEW
AIR CONDITIONERS IN ORIGINAL CARTONS) WHICH COULD
ECONOMICALLY BE REMOVED. PGNU REFUSAL TO ALLOW
REMOVAL WOULD CONSTITUTE EXPROPRIATION.

4. OF THE LAST 4 USAID EMPLOYEES, 2 WILL LEAVE ON
JUNE 25 AND 2, INCLUDING THE ACTING DIRECTOR, WILL
LEAVE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 26.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL FOR EMBASSY TO DELIVER ABOVE NOTE
TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON
SCHEDULE SUGGESTED ABOVE.
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